



# UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA

## UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

General Faculties Council  
Academic Standards Committee  
Approved Open Session Minutes

Thursday, January 18, 2018  
2-31 South Academic Building (SAB)  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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### **ATTENDEES:**

Tammy Hopper, Chair  
Dion Brocks  
Deborah Burshtyn  
Jason Carey  
Janice Causgrove Dunn  
Sandra Davidson  
Gerda de Vries  
Fay Fletcher  
Clive Hickson  
Scott Jeffrey  
Bernadette Martin

Karsten Mundel  
Rebecca Nagel  
Melissa Padfield  
Carla Peck  
Kim Raines  
Shirley Schipper  
Shane Scott  
Natalie Sharpe  
*non-voting:*  
Norma Rodenburg

### **REGRETS:**

Radim Barta  
Nathalie Kermoal  
Andras Marosi  
Paulin Mulatris  
Alexander Wong

### **STAFF:**

Meg Brolley, Coordinator  
Cheryl Trepanier, Scribe

### **OPENING SESSION**

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Mundel/Jeffrey

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Agenda.

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Approval of the Open Session Minutes of December 14, 2017

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

Motion: Padfield/Mundel

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve the Minutes of December 14, 2017.

**CARRIED**

#### 3. Comments from the Chair

The Chair reported on efforts by the Provost's Office to reach out more regularly to Advanced Education. She indicated that Ministry representatives were recently on campus for a presentation by the Faculty of Arts which laid the foundation of what was happening in the Faculty and what would be coming forward.

The Chair also provided an update on the transition committee with respect to the recommendations of the ad hoc Committee on Academic Governance. She noted that plans were underway to come to ASC in March with a framework and timeline to discuss terms of reference, and to discuss items that overlap with the Academic Planning Committee.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### 4. Items Deemed Minor/Editorial

The Following Proposal(s) are Deemed Minor/Editorial (GFC ASC's Terms of Reference (Mandate)(3.A.i and iii) by the Vice-Provost (Programs) and Chair, GFC ASC, and are APPROVED UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM GFC IN A SINGLE OMNIBUS MOTION.

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Tammy Hopper, Chair, GFC ASC

*Discussion:*

There was no discussion.

Motion: Jeffrey/Scott

### 4A. 4A. Approval of Transfer Credits for January 2018, Office of the Registrar

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee, under delegated authority from General Faculties Council, approve the proposed transfer credits for January 2018, as submitted by the Office of the Registrar, to be effective immediately.

**CARRIED**

### 5. Proposal for a new Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS), Faculty of Arts

Materials before members are contained in the official meeting file.

*Presenter(s):* Carrie Smith-Prei, Chair, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies; Claudia Kost, Associate Chair, Undergraduate Studies, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To approve the admission/transfer and academic standing regulations for a proposed new Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS) submitted by the Faculty of Arts.

*Discussion:*

The Chair clarified the governance approval pathway for this item and the mandate of ASC to consider admission/transfer and academic standing components of the proposal.

Dr Smith-Prei reported that this proposal would provide an umbrella major in MLCS which would consolidate the current offerings and give students the opportunity to study multiple languages. It would also provide more interdisciplinary opportunities for students and increased flexibility for the department.

During the ensuing discussion, members asked whether the deadline to declare a major by the end of the third year presented challenges; Dr. Smith-Prei noted that this would not impede a student's ability to complete the program within four years. Dr. Smith-Prei also indicated that efforts were being undertaken to allow students to go abroad earlier in their programs and to participate in courses more aligned with their programs.

Motion: Nagel/Causgrove Dunn

THAT the GFC Academic Standards Committee approve, with delegated authority, the admission/transfer and academic standing regulations for a new Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Modern Languages and Cultural Studies (MLCS), as submitted by the Faculty of Arts and as set forth in Attachment 1, to take effect September 2019.

**CARRIED**

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 6. External Programs for Review and Programs in Progress on Campus: Standing Item

There were no documents.

*Presenter(s):* Tammy Hopper, Chair, GFC ASC

*Purpose of the Proposal:* To provide an update to the Committee in regards to current proposals being considered by the provincial government.

*Discussion:*

The Chair provided the following update:

*Recently approved:*

(New) Major in Fashion Business Management in the Bachelor of Science approved by APC February 10, 2016

*To be Proposed to Government:*

(New) Éducation à la petite enfance - Niveau II Certificate Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean approved by APC December 13, 2017

(New) Éducation à la petite enfance-Superviseur Diploma Program, Centre collegial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean approved by APC December 13, 2017

*Currently with AE undergoing System Coordination Review:*

(New) course-based MA in History of Art, Design and Visual Cultural (HADVC), Department of Art and Design approved by APC November 8, 2017

(New) Health Care Aide (Préposé aux soins de santé (PSS) Certificate Program, Centre collégial de l'Alberta, Campus Saint-Jean approved by APC April 19, 2017

*External reviews requested:*

University of Lethbridge for a new specialization within an existing program: Bachelor of Management program with a specialization in Agricultural Enterprise Management December 21, 2017

### 7. Question Period

In response to a member's query, the Chair indicated that approval of a proposal by the Academic Planning Committee subject to approval by the Academic Standings Committee maintains the decision making authority of both committees, but that such motions would only be used in exceptional circumstances.

## **INFORMATION REPORTS**

### 8. Items Approved by the GFC Academic Standards Committee by email ballots (non-debatable)

There were no items.

### 9. Information Items Forwarded to Committee Members Between Meetings

There were no items.

## **CLOSING SESSION**

### 10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 10:45 a.m.